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24 February 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing by the DCI of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics - 24 February 1959

1. The Director briefed the House Committee on Science and Astronautics beginning at ten o'clock for approximately an hour and a half. Other Agency representatives remained until 12:15. Present for the Committee were:

Overton Brooks, Chairman
John W. McCormack
James G. Fulton
George P. Miller
Olin E. Teague
J. Edgar Chenoweth
Victor L. Anfuso
Frank C. Osmer, Jr.
B. F. Sisk
William K. Van Pelt
Erwin Mitchell

A. D. Baumhart, Jr.
James M. Quigley
Perkins Bass
R. Walter Riehlman
Leonard G. Wolf
Joseph E. Karth
Ken Hechler
Emilio Q. Daddario
Walter H. Moeller
David S. King
J. Edward Roush

Staff members present were:

Charles Sheldon
Spencer Beresford
Raymond Wilcove
Richard P. Hines

Present for the Agency were:

Allen W. Dulles, Director
Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

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Mr. John S. Warner, Legislative Counsel

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No transcript was taken of the hearing which was in Room 356 of the Old House Office Building. A technical sweep was done on the room just prior to the hearing.

2. The Director worked from briefing notes which covered a brief review of the national intelligence machinery and USIB. The Director discussed briefly Soviet science and technology and then went into the Soviet ballistic missile program. There were many questions. Subsequently, Dr. Scoville briefed on the Soviet space program and in answer to a question covered the Soviet aircraft defenses around Moscow.

3. Mr. Anfuso said a few words about the Director's experience in the intelligence field indicating to the Committee that Mr. Dulles' great experience should lend weight to his words.

4. Mr. McCormack was most pleasant with the Director and reminded him of his coming luncheon date. Mr. McCormack queried whether the Agency was receiving intelligence from all sources in the Government and reminded the group that he was a member of the Committee that approved the legislation establishing CIA and he wished to be sure that their concept was being carried forward, i.e., that CIA would be the heart of the intelligence structure. Mr. McCormack also asked a question relating to the attrition rate of CIA agents. (We will not follow up on this specifically but we will have figures available relating to agent deaths and missing cases previously requested by Mr. Sheppard. These will be used at the coming luncheon on 6 March.)



6. The Director commented on Representative Daddario in OSS, a portion of which was under the Director's supervision. Prior to the DCI's departure, Mr. Daddario lauded the Director's efforts and experience in the intelligence field. Daddario specifically commented on the economic threat of Soviet Russia. In talking with Mr. Daddario after the hearing, he seemed much interested in the Agency and OSS alumni. I suggested he might wish to visit at the Agency in the future to learn more of the Agency's functions and responsibilities. He very much wished to do so and luncheon arrangements will be made. (The Director is aware of this and approves.)

7. Mr. Fulton mentioned his visit on the Soviet oceanographic vessel presumably when it was docked at San Francisco. Dr. Scoville had considerable information on this particular vessel. Mr. Fulton stated that he personally did not believe this type of activity should be permitted.

s/ John S. Warner

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[] telephoned in connection with the [] case. He advised that it is expected that the first article will appear approximately the 11th of March. In view of the Director's instructions and his talks with [] it was agreed that no contact would be made with the committees until the 2nd or 3rd of March. Any arrangements with the Congressional committees would be for executive session with release of testimony no earlier than 9 March. Accordingly, I will discuss the matter first with the House Committee on Un-American Activities to see if they have any interest and if appropriate arrangements can be made.

JOHN S. WARNER
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Note: 25 February 1959 - Talked with the DCI orally on this. Later in the day the Director called requesting that no action be taken this week and that I get together with him and Colonel Grogan prior to approaching the Hill. Presumably he will wish [] present.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

Attached is a summary of the Agency's appearance before the House Space Committee. The other Republican from New York who spoke to you and you wished to write him a letter was R. Walter Riehlman. The other matters requiring further action are being taken care of by this office.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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